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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed, and reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1, 3, 6-9, 11-13 and 18 were originally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the prior art disclosed in instant figure 7 of the application.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 2, 4, 5, 10, 16 and 17 were originally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the prior art disclosed in instant figure 7 of the application in view of Wu et al.

However, the Examiner has pointed out that claims 14 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Responsive to this, claims 12 and 14 are deleted, and claim 1 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 1, 12 and 14 so as to make the claimed invention more distinguishably patentable over the prior art references cited by the Examiner.

Accordingly, by the amendments, it is believed that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a) should be withdrawn, and the amended claim 1 should be allowable.

It is further submitted that the amended claims 2-11, 13 and 15-18 should be allowable as they are dependent upon the amended claim 1 which is believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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